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Flood Warning Currently in Effect for Portage County

A FLOOD WARNING is currently in effect for Portage County. The waters of the Wisconsin River are rising and Portage County is once again feeling the effects of flooding. Portage County has been in contact with the National Weather Service as well as Dam Operators along the Wisconsin River and will continue to monitor the situation. It appears as if the Wisconsin River should reach a peak height sometime in the next 12-48 hours. According to the National Weather Service, the fast flows, high water levels, and the potential for flooding will continue on area streams and rivers through the weekend. There is already flooding of some wooded lowland areas. Water has approached several roadways near the Wisconsin River. Portions of numerous roads throughout the county near the Wisconsin River have been closed already and more will likely be affected. Please do not drive around road closure barricades. Persons with interests along rivers need to prepare for the possibility of flooding. Boaters and fishermen should also exercise extreme caution due to the fast flows.

FLOOD PRECAUTIONS

- IF YOU ARE UNDER A FLOOD WARNING, MAKE CERTAIN YOUR SHELTER IS SAFE
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**
 - Water only six inches deep can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- Determine how best to protect yourself based on the type of flooding.
 - Evacuate if told to do so.
 - Move to higher ground or a higher floor.

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